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19603/448 (CRF D-1593C)**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCE DIFFERENCES USING COUPLED LIGASE DETECTION  
AND POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTIONS**

The specification of which (check only one item below):

- is attached hereto.
- was filed as U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/918,156 on July 30, 2001 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specifications, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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08/864,473	28 May 1997	X		
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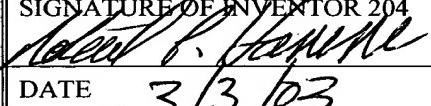
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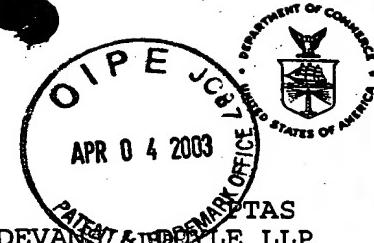
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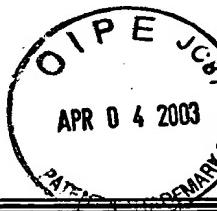
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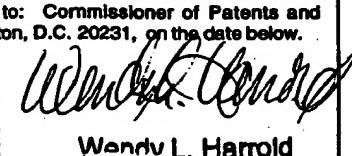
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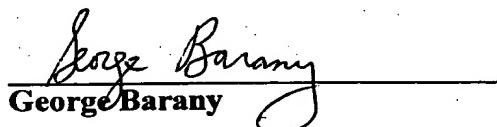
WHEREAS, I, George Barany, a United States citizen, residing at 1813 Prior Avenue North, Falcon Heights, Minnesota 55113, have invented certain new and useful improvements in **DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCE DIFFERENCES USING COUPLED LIGASE DETECTION AND POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTIONS** for which I have executed an application for Letters Patent in the United States, filed as U.S. Serial No. 09/918,156 on July 30, 2001;

AND WHEREAS, Regents of the University of Minnesota, with its principal place of business at 450 McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455-2070, desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, including salary or payment for the making of inventions, or employee benefits, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said inventor, do hereby acknowledge that I have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said Regents of the University of Minnesota, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said Regents of the University of Minnesota, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

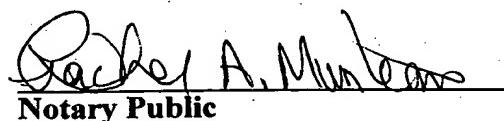
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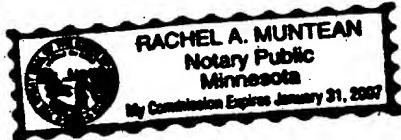
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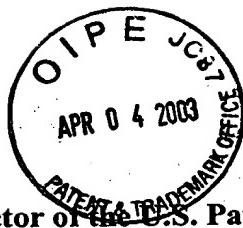
  
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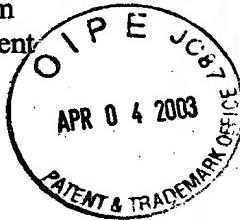
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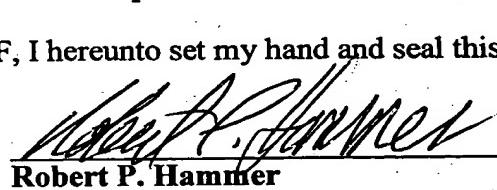
WHEREAS, I, Robert P. Hammer, a United States citizen, residing at 4967 Tulane Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808, have invented certain new and useful improvements in **DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCE DIFFERENCES USING COUPLED LIGASE DETECTION AND POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTIONS** for which I have executed an application for Letters Patent in the United States, filed as U.S. Serial No. 09/918,156 on July 30, 2001;

AND WHEREAS, Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, with its principal place of business at 203 David Boyd Hall, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803, desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, including salary or payment for the making of inventions, or employee benefits, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said inventor, do hereby acknowledge that I have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said **Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said **Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

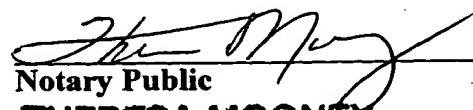
AND I HEREBY covenant and agree that I will communicate to the said **Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said improvements and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said **Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2003.

  
Robert P. Hammer

STATE OF Louisiana  
COUNTY OF East Baton Rouge

This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2003, before me personally came the above-named Robert P. Hammer, to me personally known as the individual who executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

  
Notary Public  
**THERESA MOONEY**  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH LA  
MY COMMISSION IS FOR LIFE